

Rethinking Investments in Rural Infrastructure and Access in a Changing World

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This webinar will focus primarily on the need, funding and investment for telecommunications, including broadband infrastructure. Public advocates will identify issues underlying the need for telecommunications infrastructure to rural areas, and associated challenges to funding. Associated challenges include FCC policies and directives and will include a review of FCCs plans for extending broadband to rural areas. It will examine and critique the current dynamic of public funding that is allocated to telecommunications companies, rather than to smaller entities and community anchor institutions. It will also touch on the depletion of private Foundation resources, and describe the different ways that public investment in broadband infrastructure can be funded.

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